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Troy Ness, Duane Pierce, Kristen Verhaagh,
John Walschinski.

****Running Total of Veterans' Certificates: 1138**

VETERANS' RECOGNITION SUBCOMMITTEE

Tuesday, June 8, 2010

****5:15 p.m.****

Room 201, Northern Building
305 E. Walnut Street

**** Please Note Date ****

1. Call Meeting to Order.
2. Invocation by Jim Haskins.
3. Approve/Modify Agenda.
4. Approve/Modify Minutes of April 13, 2010 and May 12, 2010.
5. Approve Joe Witkowski as Member of Committee.
6. Report from CVSO Jerry Polus (if available).
 - a) Report from Brown County Fair (if available).
7. Approve the Funds for Purchase of T-Shirts for Fair Prizes.
8. Feasibility of Sponsors for Regular Scheduled Veteran Media Information Program.
9. Report from Chair Jack Krueger
10. Report from Committee Members Present (Steenbock, Bettine, Haskins, Maino, Ness, Pierce, Verhaagh, & Walschinski).
11. Such other Matters as Authorized by Law.
12. Adjourn.

Jack Krueger, Chair

Notice is hereby given that action by Committee may be taken on any of the items which are described or listed in this agenda. Please take notice that it is possible additional members of the Board of Supervisors may attend this meeting, resulting in a majority or quorum of the Board of Supervisors. This may constitute a meeting of the Board of Supervisors for purposes of discussion and information gathering relative to this agenda.

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY
VETERANS' RECOGNITION SUBCOMMITTEE**

Pursuant to Section 19.84, Wis. Stats. a regular meeting of the **Brown County Veterans' Recognition Subcommittee** was held on Wednesday, May 12, 2010, at 5:15 p.m., in Room 201 of the Northern Building, 305 E. Walnut Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

PRESENT:	Jack Krueger—Chair, Jim Haskins, Duane "Snake" Pierce, Don Bettine, John Walschinski.
EXCUSED:	John Maino, Troy Ness, Kristen Verhaagh, Sherry Steenbock,
ALSO PRESENT:	Jerry Polus, Joe Witkowski.

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1. Call Meeting to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jack Krueger at 5:15 p.m. As there was not a quorum present, no formal business was conducted.

2. Invocation by Jim Haskins.

3. Approve/Modify Agenda:

4. Approve/Modify Minutes of April 13, 2010.

5. Approve Joe Witkowski as Member of Committee.

Items 3, 4, & 5 were held as there was not a quorum.

6. Report from CVSO Jerry Polus (if available).

a) Report on the Band for the Brown County Fair.

Polus informed that he had spoken with Kathy Kocken, Brown County Fair Board Administrative Assistant and Exhibits Coordinator, and stated she had asked if the committee had a preference for the time of the event. Last month the committee agreed to have the Veteran's ceremony on Saturday, August 21, 2010 and now there is an option to host the event at noon, 1p.m. or 3p.m. He had felt that noon may be the best time because at 1p.m. there will be a tractor pull which lasts until after 3p.m. Polus stated it was his recommendation and after his discussion with Ms. Kocken, they concur that the best time for the Veteran's ceremony would be noon that Saturday. It was the consensus of the committee that noon would be the recommended time which will be voted on at the next months meeting due to formalities of no quorum.

Polus stated that the Navy Band may perform but they can not confirm until after June 15, 2010. He contacted the Wisconsin National Guard and they are not available on that date. Polus spoke with Lynn Urquhart Belongia from the Allouez Village Band and Cathy Mark with the Howard-Suamico Band and they stated they needed to contact their group and will get back to him. He should know by the end of this month. He explained the situation and asked if they would consider performing if the Navy Band is unavailable. The only concerns Polus had was the delay in getting the word out but he felt it may only take a day to make and print the posters and tickets. Haskins informed that they pulled it off last year. Krueger was concerned with the fact that some of the service organizations did not meeting in July. Polus felt confident that if they got the information out on June 20, 2010 it will still give them

two months. Krueger suggested sending a letter to these organizations explaining their predicament and inform them of the event information and explain that the posters and tickets will follow. Polus agreed and noted that he could send out information before month end but may need some help with the mailing.

Polus suggested inviting the Fair Board to next months meeting, Krueger asked that it be placed on next months agenda.

Polus reported that the statewide CVSO conference is beginning next week at the Radisson and it will be held there all week. It was designed to occur the week of LZ Lambeau. People from the State and Federal VA will provide updates and training.

Tuesday, May 18, 2010, a special event will be held on the 4th floor of the Lambeau Field Atrium. Packers Senior Security Advisor and author, Jerry Parins, will be the guest speaker. Parins is a former captain of internal affairs for the Green Bay Police Department. Parins retired from his post to assume the role of director of corporate security for the Green Bay Packers. His 40-year association with the team began in 1965 under head coach Vince Lombardi, who contacted the Green Bay Police Department looking for help keeping fans off the practice field. Parins, then 24, volunteered his time by working practices, gamedays and assisting in the Packers weight room. For more information: http://www.cruiseforcancer.org/about_jerry/

With regards to the Veterans store, Polus stated that since July, 2009, they have sold 39 stickers, 9 mugs, and 27 t-shirts.

7. **Feasibility of Sponsors for Regular Scheduled Veteran Media Information Program.** Hold for one month.
8. **Report from Chair Jack Krueger.** No Report.
9. **Report from Committee Members Present (Steenbock, Bettine, Haskins, Maino, Ness, Pierce, Verhaagh, & Walschinski).**

Jim Haskins reported that he had seen the headlines for the Brown County Fair in the paper and noted that they had mentioned the veteran's ceremony. With regards to LZ Lambeau, Haskins referred to an article in the Green Bay Press Gazette (attached) re: Officials: Flags, yard signs will be available to help honor Vietnam veterans for LZ Lambeau event. Krueger informed that you could get yard signs at the Green Bay Area Visitor and Convention Bureau/Resch Center, 1901 S. Oneida Street. Haskins stated that the Press Gazette also had an article in the paper with regards to forgotten heroes which noted how many people died in the war, how many people served and how many Wisconsin troops died. He informed that he goes by Stowe Drug Store in De Pere and they always have a nice window display honoring veterans.

Don Bettine noted that the program for Memorial Day by the United Patriotic Society is set. The Chaplin that will be giving and opening prayer and a closing prayer will be Deacon Jim Gauthier. Memorial Day service: 6:30 p.m. May 30, 2010 at Admiral Flatley Park, 400 S. Washington St. The guest speaker is retired Col. Brian Cundiff. Taps will be played. Remarks by Mayor Jim Schmidt. The United Patriotic Society will toss wreaths into the water for the various veterans' organizations. Bettine informed that he went and saw the metal of honor winner, Sergeant Sammy Lee Davis at NEW Lutheran High School. They invited veterans and senior citizens to

the program as well as the student body. Bettine was able to talk with him and get his autograph on the program. On the last Honor Flight, two members of his VFW Post were on the flight along with their guardians. He received a letter from one of the guardians who went with her elderly father and the letter stated that everything worked out great. A brief discussion ensued with regards to other Honor Flights. Polus stated the next flight out of Appleton is June 1st and he announced that two of his staff members will be on that flight as guardians. He has the option of using money from his departments travel, conference and training budget unless he was to receive a generous donation from someone to support the cost for the guardians. The cost for a guardian is \$500 and it is anticipated that there will be two more flights this year out of Appleton.

Snake Pierce stated that he would be attending the LZ Lambeau event most of the weekend and hoped to see everyone there. He informed that he had also seen Sergeant Sammy Lee Davis and noted what a class act and great guy he was. He was able to get a dog tag signed from him as well. Lastly, May 17, 2010- *Medical Care During War*. Listen and interact with those who served in the medical field during Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan. Here the heroic stories of those who put their lives on the line to save others and learn about the differences in war medical techniques. Representing the panel will be a Medic, Flight Surgeon, Corpsman and other doctors. Cost is \$5 per person and veterans are free. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. program starts at 7:00 p.m.

Joe Witkowski stated he had chosen Abraham Lincoln for a past President future history lesson noting that Lincoln had made two famous speeches that he was remembered for. The 7,000 word two hour speech at Coopers Union Great Hall in New York on February 27, 1860 where he gave his "Right Makes Right" speech that electrified the audience in the 900 seat hall and his 256 word "Ghettysburg Address" given at Ghettysburg on November 19, 1863. His words proved to be a speech that would be remembered and will be in history books forever. His Coopers Hall speech that led to his presidency was a tightly worded argument against the expansion of slavery and he shocked the crowd as he spoke and he said let us not be slandered from our duty by false accusations against us. The ovation that day was tremendous and heartfelt and long. On the second speech Abraham Lincoln was asked to say a few words at Ghettysburg relating to the civil war and he was not the main speaker and listening to the words of his speech it was relative then and now and for the future his speech could begin in response to our world problems that we have today. Abraham Lincoln stood up before the people gave the Gettysburg Address (in which Witkowski rose from his chair and reenacted the speech for the committee).

10. Such other Matters as Authorized by Law.

11. Adjourn:

The committee members present adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia A. Loehlein
Recording Secretary



Officials: Flags, yard signs will be available to help honor Vietnam veterans for LZ Lambeau event

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ASHWAUBENON — Village leaders hope a welcome home for Vietnam War veterans at Lambeau Field in May will spread into the community.

Additional information

(Links will open in a new window)

◆ Sign up for news, weather, Green Bay Packers and high school sports text alerts.

LZ Lambeau, a tribute to Vietnam veterans, is set for May 21 to 23 at the Packers stadium and parking lot. Village President Mike Aubinger said he hopes streets, homes and businesses surrounding the stadium will be decorated in a show of support.

"All this is to give a certain segment of veterans a chance to feel welcomed home," he said. "We can't make up for what happened, but we can show them they're respected."

Plans call for flags adorned with the LZ Lambeau logo to hang from streetlamp posts along Oneida Street, Holmgren Way, Ridge Road and, perhaps, Lombardi Avenue, Aubinger said.

People can buy the flags for \$35 in honor or memory of military veterans, he said. Flags would hang for a few weeks after the event, then people can keep them.

Larger banners also will be available, he said. Banners come in several sizes, and costs range from \$95 to \$270. Half the proceeds will be donated to the LZ Lambeau committee to help defer costs of promoting the event.

Yard signs also are planned, and people may knock on doors to ask if they can place them in front of homes, Aubinger said.

"We're going to encourage people to dress up their homes and businesses to welcome the vets," he said. "We all think this is something special we could do. The vets made a lot of sacrifices for us, and many of them did not have much of a welcome home after the war."

Organizers of LZ Lambeau — a military term that stands for Landing Zone — have a variety of activities planned for that weekend, including a tribute ceremony May 22 inside the football arena.

Event director Don Jones welcomes the idea of flags and banners.

"That's fabulous," he said. "That's a very generous thing for the people to do. I'm sure it will mean a great deal to the veterans."

On the Net

To learn more about LZ Lambeau, visit www.lzlambeau.org.

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